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JEE Rankings
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided that class Twelfth marks would not be a factor for determining rankings in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to engineering undergraduate courses; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The following changes have been approved by the Chairperson of the IIT Council, in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) pattern for 2017:-

(i) There shall be no weightage for the 12th Class marks in calculating the ranks in the JEE (Main).
(ii) For the candidates to qualify for admission in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) / National Institutes of Technology (NITs) / Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and such other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) whose admissions are based on the JEE ranks, they should have secured at least 75% marks in the 12th Class, or be in the top 20 percentile in the 12th Class exam conducted by the respective Boards. For SC / ST students, the qualifying marks would be 65% in the 12th Class exam.

The decision has been taken as the marks distribution tends to be uneven across the Boards leading to difficulties in objective and consistent comparison.
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